

LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

The number of cattle on Minnesota farms on January 1, 2009, remained the same as January 1, 2008, inventory. Minnesota's calf crop, at 840,000, also remained the same as 2008. Sheep and lambs inventory was down 3 percent from January 1, 2008. The inventory of all hogs on December 1, 2008, was down 3 percent from a year earlier. During 2008, 1,135,000 sows farrowed, 2 percent lower than the previous year. A pig crop of 10,895,000 pigs was produced in the state during 2008, up 1 percent from 2007. The average annual litter rate of 9.60 pigs per sow was up from 9.35 in 2007. The number of chickens on farms was down 2 percent from a year earlier.

The combined value of all livestock and chickens on Minnesota farms was \$3.23 billion at the end of 2008. The value of all cattle and calves, at \$2.45 billion, was down 7 percent from a year earlier. The value of hogs on hand on December 1, 2008, accounted for \$740 million, up 14 percent, while the value of all sheep and lambs, at \$17.9 million, was down 16 percent. The value of all chickens inventory was \$26.9 million, up 15 percent from last year.



LIVESTOCK: January 1 Inventory, Minnesota, 2005-2009

Year	All Cattle	Cattle on Feed	Milk Cows	Beef Cows	Hogs 1/	All Sheep
<u>1,000 Head</u>						
2005	2,400	290	460	395	6,500	145
2006	2,390	290	450	390	6,600	155
2007	2,440	285	455	405	6,900	150
2008	2,400	325	463	397	7,700	145
2009	2,400	280	468	392	7,500	140

1/ Inventory as of December 1 the previous year.

LIVESTOCK: Number of Operations, Minnesota, 2004-2008 1/

Year	Number of Operations With:				
	All Cattle	Milk Cows	Beef Cows	Hogs	All Sheep
<u>Operations</u>					
2004	27,000	6,100	15,200	5,000	2,600
2005	26,000	5,800	15,000	4,900	2,600
2006	25,000	5,400	14,600	4,800	2,500
2007	25,000	5,100	14,400	4,400	2,500
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1/ An operation is any farm having one or more head of livestock on hand at any time during the year. Some farms will be in more than one category.

2/ The number of operations by State will no longer be published on an annual basis. State level numbers will only be published in conjunction with the Census of Agriculture every five years.